

Audit and Standards Committee

Thursday 16 February 2023 at 5.00 pm

Town Hall, Sheffield, S1 2HH

The Press and Public are Welcome to Attend

Membership

Councillors Colin Ross (Chair), Ben Curran (Deputy Chair), Angela Argenzio, Simon Clement-Jones, Tom Hunt, Kevin Oxley and Garry Weatherall.

Independent Co-opted Members

Alison Howard.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

The Audit and Standards Committee oversees and assesses the Council's risk management, control and corporate governance arrangements and advises the Council on the adequacy and effectiveness of these arrangements. The Committee has delegated powers to approve the Council's Statement of Accounts and consider the Annual Letter from the External Auditor.

The Committee is also responsible for promoting high standards of conduct by Councillors and co-opted members.

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**AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE AGENDA
16 FEBRUARY 2023**

Order of Business

- 1. Welcome and Housekeeping Arrangements**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Exclusion of the Press and Public**
To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public.
- 4. Declarations of Interest** (Pages 5 - 8)
Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting.
- 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 9 - 14)
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19 January 2023
- 6. External Audit Update Report** (Pages 15 - 28)
Report of the External Auditor, Ernst & Young
- 7. Annual Standards Report** (Pages 29 - 42)
Report of the Interim Director Legal and Governance
- 8. Review of Members' Code of Conduct and Complaints Procedure** (Pages 43 - 86)
Report of the Interim Director Legal and Governance
- 9. Findings of the recommendations on the Annual Complaints and Ombudsman Report from 17 November 2022** (To Follow)
- 10. Housing Management System - Audit Update** (To Follow)
Report of the Interim Director Legal and Governance
- 11. Work Programme** (Pages 87 - 96)
Report of the Interim Director of Legal and Governance.
- 12. Dates of Future Meetings**
To note that the date of the next meeting of the Committee will be held at 5.00 p.m. on 9 March 2023